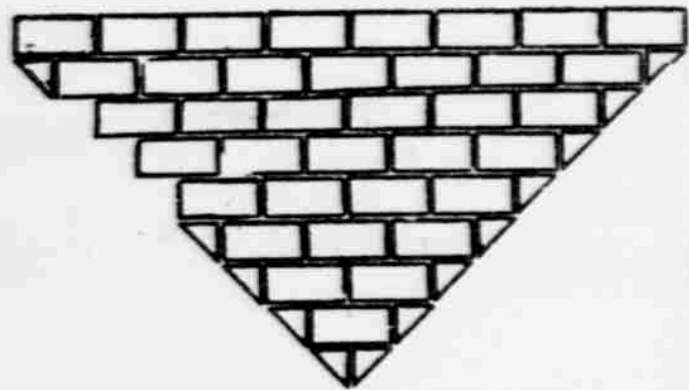


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TURLINGTON TALKS

To a Globe-Democrat Reporter in St. Louis—Not a Very Remarkable Criminal.

Yesterday's Globe-Democrat contains the following: "John Oscar Turlington, the much talked of desperado who escaped two weeks ago from the jail at Boonville, Mo., and was recaptured a few days ago at Caseyville, Ky., arrived in this city yesterday in custody of Sheriff Thomas Dyer and Deputy Sheriff Wm. Dyer, of Union county, Ky., and was placed in the holdover at the Four Courts for safe keeping until this morning. Turlington was seen by a Globe-Democrat reporter last evening. He is mild and gentlemanly in manner and conversation with all with whom he comes in contact. He says that if he was the murderer and outlaw that some say he is, he would never have confessed to all he had done. Turlington is now being taken back to Boonville. He is now under sentence of death for the murder of Sheriff Cranmer, of Cooper county, Mo., and the State Supreme Court has the case under consideration as to whether or not a new trial should be granted. The killing of Sheriff Cranmer occurred on the 14th day of June last. Turlington was then serving a six months' sentence in jail on a charge of assault to kill upon a Missouri Pacific brakeman. He and a confederate had paid the brakeman to ride as far as Sedalia, Mo., but when the train was many miles from Sedalia the brakeman put him and his friend off. This caused a dispute, and Turlington shot at the brakeman. He was arrested at Sedalia, taken back to Boonville, as the shooting occurred in Cooper county, tried and sentenced to six months in the Boonville Jail.

HOW THE ESCAPE WAS EFFECTED.

According to Turlington's story told to the Globe Democrat reporter yesterday, while he was in jail the other prisoners put up a scheme to escape. The escape was to be made when Sheriff Cranmer came to feed them at supper time, as he was then careless and accustomed to leave the jail doors open when he came in. At first, Turlington said he refused to enter into any scheme of that kind, for the reason that the men who were urging him on had penitentiary terms staring them in the face, while he had only a few months more to serve. But finally they pressed him so hard that he concluded to go into the scheme.

About four days before the day set for the escape, Wess Hensley, a young friend of his, came to see him in jail and he asked him to get his revolver for him, he having given Wesley the revolver after he had been sentenced to jail. He had, he said, no intention to commit murder, but he merely wanted the revolver when he was released, thinking he might not see Wesley when he got out. The plan of the other prisoners was that he should lead the way with a revolver in his hand, and if the sheriff tried to stop him the other prisoners were to seize him and hold him. The sheriff came as usual that evening with the prisoners' supper, and when he had entered Turlington started past the sheriff expecting the other prisoners to follow him. To his surprise, when he reached the door, he found it locked. The sheriff quickly pulled his revolver, and Turlington dropped to the floor. The sheriff fired several shots but failed to hit him. Then Turlington arose and fired one shot at the sheriff, which lodged in his body causing his death a few hours afterward. Turlington was tried, convicted and sentenced to be hanged.

THE TRAIN ROBBERY CONFESSED. It was while he was in jail awaiting for the supreme court to grant him a new trial that he confessed to having, with the aid of a confederate, robbed a Missouri, Kansas and Texas express car near Pryor Creek, in the Indian Territory, and secured \$1700.

On the evening of the 1st Turlington made his escape from the Boonville jail. On his couch in his cell he left a dummy, and when the night guard looked into his cell he saw the dummy lying on the bed and supposed it was Turlington. After getting out of his cell he had no trouble in securing keys that opened the outside jail doors and walked out. After going some distance he stole a horse and rode to a point on the Missouri River, where he deserted the animal and stole a skiff and floated down the river to a point on the Chicago and Alton road. There he waited for a train and beat his way to East St. Louis, where he boarded another train and beat his way to Caseyville, Ky., where he had friends, and where he was captured. Turlington is now 26 years old, and

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was born and raised in the backwoods of Kentucky. While yet a small boy his parents moved to Ralston, Tenn., where his mother still lives. He told the story of his life last evening as follows:

TURLINGTON TALKS OF HIS HISTORY. "I learned the machinist trade, but rarely worked at it. When not quite fourteen years old, I had a fight with another boy near Ralston, and badly cut him. I was arrested for this and sentenced to two years in the Tennessee penitentiary. After serving a year and nine months I made my escape. After my escape, my friends circulated the report that I had been killed. I wandered around through Texas until finally, about two years ago, I got employment as a laborer on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas. I was discharged from there, and as winter was approaching and starvation staring me in the face, I became desperate, and so secured a confederate and proposed to him to rob the Missouri, Kansas and Texas train.

"Being green in the train-robbing business, we robbed the train on one Sunday night, but secured only \$1,700 and some diamonds, whereas, if I had been expert as they say I am, I would have picked out a week day night when the train carried more money. "I did not mean to kill sheriff Cranmer, and would never have shot him had I not been afraid he would kill me. In fact, I was too much excited to know what I was doing. The corridor of the jail was filled with smoke when I shot. Now, that poor Hensley who gave me the revolver in jail, and who was sentenced a few days ago to ten years in the penitentiary as being an accomplice in the killing of the sheriff, is as innocent as a newborn child. He did not think of any harm when he gave me that revolver, and neither did I when I received it."

AFTER THE LAST ESCAPE.

"After I made my escape I tramped and rode until I was completely worn out, when I reached my friend's house at Caseyville. It was my intention to stop there only a few days, get rested up and then go south into old Mexico

where I would remain for life. But the people with whom I was stopping became uneasy, and while I was asleep in bed they went out and informed the authorities of Caseyville, who surrounded the house, broke open my door and captured me while asleep. They would never have taken me alive if I had had any weapons at hand.

"Yes, I am afraid to go back to Boonville, for I believe the people will lynch me. Sheriff Dyer, who is a friend of mine, says he will take me to Jefferson City first to see Gov. Francis, and ask him to protect me from any mob. I have a dear, good mother, whom I have not seen or heard from in ten years, and other relatives, who all thought I was dead until this trouble came. They have written me a large number of letters since I have been in the Boonville jail, but I have never answered them. This talk of being a train robber and outlaw is all nonsense. I never robbed but one train in my life, and that was at Pryor Creek, and that, with cutting the boy at my home, was the only thing I ever did wrong until I killed Sheriff Cranmer."

TURLINGTON'S RECORD IN MEXICO. Mexico, Mo., November 15.—John O. Turlington, the murderer of Sheriff Cranmer of Boonville, and who recently escaped jail and was captured in Kentucky, lived in Audrain two years and worked for Robert Johnson and Henry Crews, but at that time was known as Griffin.

When Johnson and Crews saw the photograph of Turlington they at once recognized it as that of Griffin. This man Griffin came here under a cloud from Kentucky, and it was afterwards learned that he had attempted to kill two men there and was compelled to leave the country. At that time he had in Kentucky a wife who was the widow of a cousin of Asa Underwood of this county. He was overbearing in his disposition and was generally regarded as a dangerous character. He fed stock for Mr. Johnson one winter and did his work well, but was so quarrelsome that Mr. Johnson was compelled to discharge him. On the day of his discharge and while in the field gath-

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ering corn Griffin threatened to whip Johnson, who had said something that offended him, at the same time stating that he had never worked for a man in his life he did not have to whip. Even while being driven from the premises at the point of a revolver Griffin got the drop on Johnson and compelled him to retreat.

Sheriff Adams gained possession of the above facts a few days ago and had made arrangements to go to Kentucky when the news of Turlington's capture was received.

From E. T. O'Rear, chief clerk in the state Treasurer's office, who passed through Sedalia yesterday afternoon, en route from Jefferson City to Sweet Spring where he will spend today, a BAZOO representative learned that Turlington was taken to Boonville yesterday, leaving St. Louis yesterday morning arriving at Boonville via Tipton at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Gov. Francis met Turlington on the train at Jefferson City and told him he thought there would be no trouble whatever after his arrival in Boonville. "The account that has been given of his escape," said Mr. O'Rear, "is about as he told me. Some people would think he was a chump for going to the house where he was captured. He used to board with those people and thought as much of them as he did of his own family. When he told them of the situation, they said they would protect him, and he was given something to eat and was shown to a room where he laid down and was soon fast asleep. This all occurred about five o'clock in the morning. Soon after Turlington had gone to bed, the old lady at the house commenced to think she might be arrested if Turlington was found in her house. The more she thought about it, the more she became excited. A little later, a wharfman who boarded at the house, came in to get his breakfast, but it was not ready yet, the usual time. The boarder noticed that the old lady was excited and after considerable pumping she told him all about the cause of her excitement. He went up stairs and found the door to the room in which Turlington was sleeping, locked. He went down stairs and told the woman to get his breakfast while he took a walk. While away he informed the authorities, who at once proceeded to the house and arrested Turlington. Had it not been for the foolishness of those in the house perhaps he never would have been caught. The citizens of Boonville do not think any attempt will be made to mob him consequently the governor did not take any action in the matter.

After Turlington.

Jefferson City Tribune. Sheriff A. Hornbeck and Deputy Wm. Sparr of Cooper county left yesterday afternoon for Kentucky to bring back Turlington, the murderer of Sheriff Thos. Cranmer. They secured requisition papers from Gov. Francis and are prepared for any emergency. They expect to return about Monday and do not anticipate any mob violence.

Sprained His Knee.

Geo. W. Cummings, while attempting to board a moving passenger train last Thursday at Emporia, Kansas, where he had been on business connected with the M. & T. Railway company, slipped and fell, spraining his knee. Mr. Cummings has just recovered from a similar sprain which he received some time ago. He was brought up from Parsons, Kansas, last night, where he has been since his mishap.

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STATE OF MISSOURI, ss.
COUNTY OF PETTIS.

In the circuit court of Pettis county, January term, 1891. The state of Missouri at the relation and to the use of John McGinley, collector of the revenue within and for Pettis county in the state of Missouri, plaintiff, vs. Enoch R. Brown, William D. Sanders, Augustus E. Ayers, Edward P. Kivley and Charles D. Tallman, defendants.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein by its attorney G. Gilbreath, and files his affidavit, alleging among other things that defendants, William D. Sanders, Augustus E. Ayers, Edward P. Kivley and Charles D. Tallman, are non-residents of the state of Missouri; whereupon it is ordered by the clerk in vacation that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against them in this court, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of the state of Missouri for taxes for the years 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887 and 1888 on the following described real estate situated in the county of Pettis and state of Missouri, to-wit: The west half of the west half of the northeast quarter and thirty-eight and 71-100 acres off of the east side of the northwest quarter of section six [6]; also the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section five [5], all in township forty-six [46] of range twenty-one [21]; and unless the said William D. Sanders, Augustus E. Ayers, Edward P. Kivley and Charles D. Tallman be and appear at this court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house in the city of Sedalia, in said county, on the first Monday of January next, and on or before the third day of said term—if the term shall so long continue—and if not, then on or before the last day of said term—answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly. And it is further ordered, that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the Sedalia Weekly BAZOO, a newspaper printed and published in Sedalia, Pettis county Missouri, for four weeks successively, the last insertion whereof shall be at least fifteen days before the commencement of the said January term of this court. Witness my hand and the seal of said court, this 15th day of November, 1890.

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